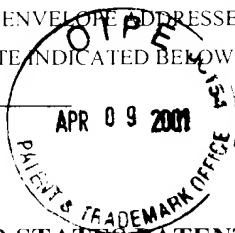


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In re:	Patent Application of PROCKOP et al.	: Attn: Application Branch
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Appln. No.:	09/695,769	:
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Filed:	October 25, 2000	:
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For:	ISOLATION AND EXPANSION OF HUMAN MARROW STROMAL CELLS	: Attorney Docket
		: No. 9598-101U2
		: (053844-5006)

**REFUND REQUEST AND TRANSMITTAL OF
STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

In reference to the above-identified patent application. Applicants, through their undersigned representative, herewith claim Small Entity Status. At the time of filing the Applicants were a Small Entity.

It is also requested at this time that a refund of \$784.00 be applied to the account of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, L.L.P., Deposit Account No.50-0310, pursuant to the filing of this statement claiming Small Entity Status. One additional copy of this paper is being forwarded to the Refunds Department, Box 17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION –
FILING DATE GRANTED**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 22, 2000, the following is submitted herewith:

- ☒ [X] Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted, mailed December 22, 2000.
- ☐ [] No Notice to File Missing Parts has been received.
- ☒ [X] One (1) Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ [] Verified English translation of application as filed.
- ☐ [] Priority document(s): Certified copy(ies) of ____ patent application No(s). _____, filed in _____ on _____ from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ [] Formal drawings: ____ sheets.
- ☐ [] Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and cited references.
- ☐ [] Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
 - ☐ [] Computer readable copy ☐ [] Paper Copy ☐ [] Verified Statement
- ☒ [X] Petition for 2 Month Extension of Time and requisite fee.
- ☒ [X] Request for Refund.

- ☐ Request for Corrected Filing Receipt. Attached is a marked-up copy of the Filing Receipt showing corrections.
- ☒ Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☐ a Small Business Concern, or ☒ a Non-Profit Organization.
- ☒ The following fees noted below are being paid:
- ☒ Surcharge of **\$65.00** for late filing of filing fee and/or Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Surcharge of **\$65** for late filing of English translation.
- ☒ Extension of Time fee **\$195.00** for 2 month extension of time.
- ☒ Enclosed is our firm's check in the amount of **\$260.00** for the above fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (billing code 53689-5006) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ The above-calculated fee(s) calculated totaling \$____.00.
- ☒ Any overpayments or deficiencies in the above-calculated fee(s).
- ☒ Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17.
- ☒ In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required during the prosecution of this application, but not submitted, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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